

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (Original) A bottom anchor assembly for a substantially vertically-orientated elongate safety line, the anchor assembly comprising safety line gripping means, tensioning means for adjusting the safety line tension to a predetermined value, bracket means and connector arm means in which the tensioning means and safety line gripping means are spaced apart and are linked by the connector arm means.

2. (Original) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim 1, in which the safety line gripping means and the connector arm means are arranged to allow a safety line traveller moving along a safety line gripped by the safety line gripping means to pass over the safety line gripping means and the connector arm means.

3. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim 1 ~~of claim 2~~, in which the safety line gripping means includes a swaged element attached at the end of the safety line.

4. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assembly according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, in which the safety line gripping means includes an attachment means for a further safety line to be releasably attached to the assembly.

5. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assemble according to ~~claim 4, when dependent on claim 3~~ claim 1, in which the safety line gripping means includes a swaged element attached at the end of the safety line and in which the attachment means comprises an external screw thread on the swaged element.

6. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assembly according to ~~any preceding claim~~, claim 1, in which the safety line gripping means comprises a tube through which the safety line passes.

7. (Original) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim 6, in which the connector arm is linked to the tube.

8. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim 6, ~~when dependent on claim 3~~, in which the safety line gripping means includes a swaged element attached to the end of the safety line, in which the safety line gripping means also includes a tube through which the safety line passes, and in which the swaged element is attached to the safety line below the tube.

9. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assembly according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, in which the tensioning means comprises a rod having an externally threaded section and linked to the connector arm means and a nut on the externally threaded section, the nut being arranged to bear against a downwardly facing surface of the bracket.

10. (Original) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim 9, in which the bracket includes a tubular section and the rod is located at least partially within the tubular section.

11. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assembly according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, and further comprising indicator means for providing a visible indication of when said predetermined tension has been achieved.

12. (Cancelled)